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Protection of Civil Rights Vowed In Asassinations Investigation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—The prospective chairman of the House Committee on Assassinations says that the investigation into the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will not violate anyone's civil rights.

Representative Henry B. Gonzales, Democrat of Texas, pledged yesterday that tape recordings, voice stress evaluators and physical surveillance would not be used in any way that violates constitutional rights.

Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California and chairman of the House Judiciary Civil Rights subcommittee, who received the pledge, said he was still not entirely satisfied and would meet with Mr. Gonzales Monday.

The House votes Tuesday on reconstituting the committee.